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ZIKA RESPONSE IN JAMAICA

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The goal of USAID's Zika response is to support and strengthen country systems in order to reduce the risk of new infections, particularly in pregnant women, and provide care for those affected. USAID's response is organized around four interconnected lines of effort: 1) Innovation; 2) Vector Control; 3) Social and Behavior Change Communication (SBCC); and 4) Service delivery, including family planning, antenatal and postnatal care, as well as child development and care for families with infants affected by Zika.

In Jamaica, USAID is responding to Zika through the following activities:

- 1) The Jamaica Red Cross, with support from the IFRC, is implementing community engagement activities related to Zika risk communication, community vector control, community-based surveillance, and psychosocial support in seven parishes across the island.
- 2) The USAID Zika AIRS Project (ZAP), implemented by Abt Associates, is providing technical expertise to the Ministry of Health in vector control and entomological monitoring in Jamaica.
- 3) The Health Communication Capacity Collaborative (HC3), implemented by the Johns Hopkins Center for Communication Programs, is providing technical assistance in the development and practical application of a Zika Message Guide.
- 4) PAHO is working across the Latin America and Caribbean region to develop regional learning materials and organize regional workshops for health workers related to vector control.